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## **Cal Poly Choirs to Ring in Holidays With 'A Christmas Celebration' Dec. 1**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Choirs will perform music to celebrate the upcoming holiday season at the annual "A Christmas Celebration" concert Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center.

The University Singers will open with the "Kyrie" and "Gloria" from Ariel Ramírez's "Misa Criolla." These pieces are based on South American folk music, particularly the rhythms and melodies of Argentina. The ensemble will also perform David Dickau's lively swing arrangement of "God Rest You Merry Gentleman."

PolyPhonics will perform "A Child Is Born" by Leo Nester and "Ding Dong! Merrily On High," arranged by English composer and conductor David Willcocks.

To celebrate the season of Hanukkah, the women of PolyPhonics will be featured in Valerie Shields' arrangement of "S'vivon," and the entire ensemble will perform Ron Jeffers' "Hanukkah Blessings."

The concert's featured work will be the world premiere of "Gloria" for double choir and organ, composed for the Cal Poly Choirs by music faculty member Meredith Brammeier. This is the fifth consecutive year that Brammeier has composed or arranged a work for "A Christmas Celebration."

In addition, the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble, Take It SLO (a capella) and O Snap (women's barbershop) will perform a set of holiday favorites. The Cal Poly Brass Ensemble will perform as special guests of the Cal Poly Choirs.

Tickets are \$10 to \$17 and are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO- ARTS (756-2787). Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The holiday concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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